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In re Application of  
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.173(b), filed April 8, 2005, to revive the above-identified application.


The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.113 in a timely manner to the final Office action mailed June 10, 2004, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. A reply under 37 CFR 1.113 is limited to an amendment that *prima facie* places the application in condition for allowance or a Notice of Appeal (and appeal fee required by 37 CFR 1.17(b)). Since the amendment submitted on December 14, 2004 did not *prima facie* placing the application in condition for allowance, no Notice of Appeal (and appeal fee) was timely filed, extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on December 11, 2004.

The petition satisfies the conditions for revival pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that (1) the reply in the form of an amendment; (2) the petition fee; and (3) the required statement of unintentional delay have been received. Accordingly, the amendment to the final Office of June 4, 2004 is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Wan Laymon at (571) 272-3220.

This matter is being referred to Technology Center AU 3635.

  
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